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## **Consumer Protection From Telemarketing Calls Has Arrived** ***Federal “do-not-call” list opens for registration on Friday***

**LANSING —** Consumers will have greater protection against telemarketer phone calls with the introduction of online registration for the national “do-not-call” list that opens on Friday, June 27, Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores, said today.

“West Michigan families and residents are very concerned about the number of unwanted and unsolicited phone calls they receive,” Van Woerkom said. “The new consumer protection measures created through the federal ‘do-not-call’ will enable residents to take measures to stop the phone calls.”

Consumers may link to the Federal Trade Commission’s “do-not-call” registration site by visiting the Senate Republican website, located at [www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/](http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/), starting tomorrow morning. Registration from consumer home telephones begins on July 7. Enrollment is free.

Consumer inquiries led the Michigan Legislature to pass a bill to restrict telemarketers and create a Do- Not-Call list in 2002. Van Woerkom added that lawmakers recognized that a single list would provide both state and federal protection, and required the adoption of a federal list when one was created.

Sen. Van Woerkom also cautioned consumers from being the targets of any scams targeting the federal “do-not-call” registry.

“Registration for the federal “do-not-call” list is available only through the Federal Trade Commission and is free,” Van Woerkom said. “Consumers should be on the lookout for any private companies attempting to collect personal information.”

For more information on how to register for the “do-not-call” list or how to avoid a “do-not-call” scam, please contact Sen. Van Woerkom’s office at (866) 305-2134.